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SUBJECT: TITO'S ALLEGATION THAT CIA ORGANIZED CYPRUS
COUP

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1. ON INSTRUCTION, ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN CALLED IN
YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR GRANFIL TO TELL HIM THAT THE SECRETARY
IS EXTREMELY UPSET ABOUT TITO'S ALLEGATION IN SEPTEMBER 12
SPEECH IN JESENICE THAT COUP IN CYPRUS WAS ORGANIZED
BY THE CIA AND NATO, THAT MAKARIOS, AS ADVOCATE OF NON-
ALIGNED CYPRUS, HAD TO BE KILLED SO THAT CYPRUS COULD BE
TURNED INTO A NATO BASE.

2. TITO'S STATEMENTS, SAID HARTMAN, ARE ENTIRELY UNTRUE,
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AND DECIDEDLY UNHELPFUL AND WILL NOT RPT NOT CONTRIBUTE

TO NEGOTIATED SOLUTION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM. MOREOVER, THERE HAS BEEN ABSOLUTELY NO INDICATION FROM MAKARIOS THAT HE BELIEVES THESE ALLEGATIONS. USG HAS BEEN CAREFUL TO STATE THAT STATUS OF ISLAND SHOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED; WE HAVE NO DESIRE THAT IT BECOME A PART OF NATO.

3. TITO'S SEPTEMBER 6 LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD, WHICH CONTAINED A VERY REASONED EXPOSITION OF YUGOSLAV POSITION, MADE NO SUCH ALLEGATIONS. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS BE IN ACCORD.

4. HARTMAN ALSO OBSERVED THAT TITO'S ALLEGATIONS COULD VERY EASILY CALL INTO QUESTION THE SECRETARY'S INTENDED TRIP TO YUGOSLAVIA.

5. GRANFIL INDICATED HE HAD RECEIVED NO RPT NO WORD OF TITO'S SPEECH AND PROMISED TO CONVEY HARTMAN'S COMMENTS TO HIS GOVERNMENT. GRANFIL, WHO WAS HANDED COPY OF TEXT OF TITO SPEECH, CLAIMED THAT TITO WAS NOT SPEAKING OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT PER SE. HARTMAN REMINDED GRANFIL THAT CIA IS PART OF USG AND THAT IN ALLEGING THAT CIA HAD ORGANIZED COUP, TITO WAS SAYING THAT THIS WAS ACT OF USG.

6. AT DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 13 NEWS BRIEFING, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FOR COMMENT ON TITO'S ALLEGATIONS, SPOKESMAN SAID: "I CAN ONLY GO BACK TO COMMENTS I HAVE MADE ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE PAST, THAT IT IS UTTER NONSENSE FOR ANYBODY TO SAY THAT WE HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH ORGANIZING ANY COUP ON CYPRUS."

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